Pending cases in various courts

2103. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending for more than 20/10/5 years in each of the High Courts as well as the Supreme Court;

(b) the steps being taken to clear the backlog of the pending cases for such a long period of time; and

(c) the steps being taken to computerize the complete Judiciary across the country for faster disposal of the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) In Supreme Court, there are 24 cases pending for more than 20 years, 121 cases for more than 10 years, and 1204 cases for more than 5 years.

As per available information, the pendency of cases in High Courts alongwith their duration is as per the statement (*See* below).

(b) The Government has been periodically monitoring the pendency position in various courts. The steps taken for speedy disposal of pending cases, include timely filling the vacancies of judges, increasing the judge strength, grouping of cases involving common questions of law, constitution of specialized benches, organizing Lok Adalats at regular intervals, encouraging alternative modes of dispute resolution like negotiation, mediation and arbitration and setting up of special tribunals like Central Adminstrative Tribunals, State Administrative Tribunals, Income Tax Appellate Tribunals, Family Courts, Labour Courts etc.

(c) An E-Committee with Hon'ble Dr. Justice G.C. Bharuka as its Chairman has been constituted on December 28, 2004 by the Ministry of Law & Justice. Further, the Department has initiated a proposal for the computerization of the entire subordinate judiciary in the country. The project is to be implemented as a central scheme with a 100 per cent central funding, in a phased manner.

Statement

Statement showing Age-wise pending cases in High Courts

Sl. No.	High Courts	Total pending cases	Pending for more than 5 but less than 10 yrs.	Pending for more than ten years.	As on
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Allahabad	981245	164484	322244	30.9.2004
2.	Andhra Pradesh	183139	35215	3796	30.9.2004
3.	Bombay	332975	66807	61035	30.9.2004
4.	Calcutta	209233	48296	91080	30.6.2004
5.	Delhi	113785	18909	20799	31.12.2003
6.	Gujarat	143655	46808	19321	31.3.2004
7.	Guwahati	57381	10616	32	31.12.2004
8.	Himachal Pradesh	23539	36196	0	31.12.2004
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	45225	5088	240	31.12.2004
10.	Karnataka	129653	617	5656	31.12.2004
11.	Kerala	130267	18965	1026	30.6.2004
12.	Madras	298759	26958	4347	31.12.2004
13.	Madhya Pradesh	200918	32567	9975	31.12.2004
14.	Orissa	106549	2905	32015	31.12.2004
15.	Patna	84948	67075	13461	31.12.2004
16.	Punjab & Haryana	265302	66589	56338	31.12.2004
17.	Rajasthan	204348	42214	14545	31.12.2004
18.	Sikkim	55	0	0	31.12.2004
19.	Uttaranchal	35898	6516	5960	31.12.2004
20.	Jharkhand	63732	NA	NA	31.12.2004
21.	Chhattisgarh	35812	NA	NA	31.12.2004
	Total	**3648475**	**627680**	**654206**	